

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, February 14, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, G. Harrison, J. Presley, D. Rice, J. Hart, M. Kehres

**Old Business**

Mike spoke about the zoning issue regarding the Lovejoy. Mike feels that since the defendant did not attend the mediation hearing we should let the prosecutor follow the legal process. Roger agrees. Sue wants to make sure everyone is treated the same. Mike commented that it is a case by case decision. We are not treating anyone unfairly. Mike stated that we are looking for cooperation from the offender.

Sue has been working with Dan on banners for the center of town. She would like to have some for Memorial Day. Sue plans to get donations. She would also like to get Christmas and special “salute” banners. The banners need special attachments and she has a contact to get those donated. Sue reported that Portage Prepares will make a presentation at the PCTA dinner on Saturday.

Roger spoke about the indigent burial issue. Larry presented an example of Ravenna Township’s application and affidavit for indigent burial. Mike feels we may have more of this type of burial and may be taken advantage of. Roger will contact Chris Meduri to get a specific definition of exactly what is considered indigent. Roger moved to temporarily adopt to add the application and affidavit to our indigent burial policy. Mike seconded. Discussion: This is only temporary until we receive a legal opinion from Chris. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger stated that Mary received information about the Solid Waste Policy Update. Mary stated that she spoke to Bill Steiner. He stated the policy committee is in agreement with the policy update as it addresses issues that were a concern in the past. Roger moved to accept the policy as written. Mike seconded. Discussion: Sue wants to wait until after the PCTA meeting on Saturday to make a decision. Roger rescinded his motion.

**New Business**

Mike is working on a previously addressed project of a drain issue on the NE corner of Eberly and Hartville Roads. The yards are flooding and he would like to entertain the idea to correct this issue. He presented information on the properties involved. Mike needs to investigate the cost and look at the properties involved with permission from the homeowners. He will keep the others updated. There was discussion regarding alleviating the problems with help from the homeowner. Roger stated that we should review this case by case. Mike feels if the homeowners are willing to cooperate we should work with them.

Sue received a few questions regarding who is in charge of the parade. Roger stated that the RFD only took over the pancake breakfast. The parade is still a Lions Club event. Sue stated that the Lions Club will start the Farmers Market and Flea Market. Roger asked about the cost of the banners. Sue thought the average is \$90 per flag but the brackets are the part that is costly. Sue feels the Middle School Park has taken a backseat. She would like to get more playground equipment and requested the other trustees to ask what residents would like to have. Sue wants to purchase more playground equipment with donations. Sue has some ideas to bring people together. Sue commented that new people are always welcome to join the Lions Club, Garden Club, and Senior Citizen Group. We have many nice things that some people may not know about. Roger agrees. Sue asked Dan for an update on the Sheriff’s report. Dan has not received anything recently. Sue feels we need to know what is going on.

Roger nothing has nothing at this time.

Mary reported on township correspondence. Mary has the unofficial results from the Special Election on February 5, 2013. Sue stated that Randolph and Atwater have groups to help those in need. Sue feels that the tax increase may affect some families. Mary also has the fourth quarter report from the Portage County Health Department. Mary asked about placing an ad in the fair book. All were in agreement to place a full page ad in

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the fair book. Mary asked if any decision will be made on the rental rates for the township buildings. Mike stated that Dan is still researching the various uses and hopes to make a decision at the first meeting in April.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 15 – 27 totaling \$51,265.21 and pay warrants 34126 – 34165, EFTs 20 – 25, and voucher 27 totaling \$34,802.20. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on truck and equipment maintenance. Larry and Mike inspected all the roads for tree removal and trimming. Larry would like to get a chipper from the county and begin trimming when weather allows. Mike suggested seeking bids for tree removal. There was discussion about the verbiage for the notice. Larry scheduled the crack sealing machine for the beginning of June. Larry asked about the area for the indigent burials. Mike suggested waiting until the next meeting to make a decision. There was discussion about the number of indigent burials on one lot. Mike commented we may need to make some changes to the cemetery policy. Larry spoke about the possible trade-in of the 1965 Hough pay loader and mower would like to trade it in at White's Farm on a new mower. Larry estimated the scrap value of \$2,700-\$2,800 for the loader. Mike feels we should investigate the trade. Sue knows someone who has a mower that they want to sell. Sue will get the information and get it to Larry.

Dan presented the Zoning Department and Trustee's Assistant report. No permits have been issued. The Zoning Commission is working on some revisions to the zoning book. The next ZC meeting is February 25 at 7:00 p.m. He will complete the repairs on the Town Hall water system as required by the EPA inspection.

Roger read a letter from Chief Lang regarding turnout gear. Chief Lang requested \$4,000 to purchase one set of PPE (\$1875), three sets of boots (\$870) and general repair of holes and tears in the remaining sets of gear (\$1,255). Roger moved to appropriate \$4,000 for the requested purchase and repairs of the RFD gear. Sue seconded. Discussion: Roger feels if we can keep up with repairs we can keep the gear in good condition. It is the least we can do for our volunteers. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

**Public Comment**

Gary stated that Portage County residents who need help from the Food Shelf should call 211. Everything is confidential. Gary feels more people will be needing assistance in the future.

Jerry spoke about wondering what town can do about the clean-up of Fairground Road along the Bird Sanctuary. It has been a continuing problem for a long time with refuse and beer bottles all the time. Jerry offered his services to clean up the road. He asked if the township has bags. Sue commented that she cleaned it up twice last year. Roger noted that several areas are problems. The trustees thanked Jerry for his volunteer. Jerry asked about the crew taking care of the power lines and who the wood belongs to. Mary explained the process as it affects her property as well. The wood belongs to the homeowner.


Matt had some questions about the use of the ball field. He understands the trustees went to the Hot Stove meeting. He asked if they received his e-mail. He read in the township minutes that the Hot Stove is in charge of the use of the ball fields. He asked who he needs to get permission from. Is there a cost involved? He was told he would have to rent the ball field. He has never rented the field in the past. What paperwork is necessary? He does not want any hardship between the Hot Stove and travel team. Roger stated that there is one agreement with Waterloo Hot Stove. Roger suggested contacting Darrin. Our understanding is that they are waiting to see how many children signed up to determine the number of teams which will determine the usage. Roger stated in the previous meeting that it is expected that they do the right thing. Mike has no idea of any rent since the township does not charge for use of the ball field. Matt is concerned that he is being taken advantage of. Matt went through the steps to keep the fields in good condition. He apologizes for not getting back to the trustees sooner. Sue stated that there is no rent. There is another organization who wants to use Moyer Fields who is willing to pay to use the fields. The Hot Stove feels it needs to charge all those who use the field. Roger explained he was informed that it was for supplies. Sue stated that if it is not used by Hot Stove it can be used by the travel team. Sue stated that it is Randolph first. Mike will get back to Matt after talking to the Hot Stove. Larry stated that the Hot Stove did not use the Middle School Park last year. Matt knows about the insurance needed for the use of the fields. The trustees will have information for the next meeting.

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Doug asked how do the residents know that the levy money being used properly. He is also concerned that the Health Department is seeking a levy. Sue commented that the Health Department has not passed a levy since 1956. Doug also asked if anyone knows where to get tax forms. He used to get them at the library but the Randolph Branch does not have any. Roger stated that the township is not involved in the day to day operations of the library and suggested talking to the library personnel. He also suggested that Doug talk to Dr. Hill about the recent levy. His understanding is that they are not hiring back teachers or bringing back programs that were cut. Mike suggested talking to the school board. There was discussion about money spent at Waterloo versus OH and the US and levy money and allocation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

  
Roger Klotz, Chairman

  
Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer